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DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT TO CAPE TOWN, LONDON, MOSCOW,  
PARIS, PRETORIA, USMISSION USUN, WHITE HOUSE

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MNUC, PARM, SF, GW  
SUBJECT: BRIEFING TO FRG ON SOVIET NOTE ON SOUTH  
AFRICAN NUCLEAR SITUATION

REF: STATE 069192

1. THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR PASSED TO FRG DISARMAMENT COMMISSIONER RUTH THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFTEL. RUTH EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR INFORMATION, SOME SUBSTANCE OF WHICH HAD ALSO BEEN REPORTED THROUGH FRG EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.
2. RUTH GAVE NO INDICATION WHETHER THE FRG MIGHT REQUEST A MORE DETAILED BRIEFING AS CITED IN PARA 5 OF REFTEL.
3. RUTH SAID THAT THE SOVIET MESSAGE TO THE GERMANS HAD BEEN DELIVERED ON MARCH 6 IN THE FORM OF A "PERSONAL ORAL MESSAGE" FROM BREZHNEV TO THE CHANCELLOR. SOVIET AMBASSADOR FALIN HAD ALSO LEFT AN AIDE MEMOIRE ALONG THE SAME LINES.

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4. RUTH SAID THE FRG HAD NOT YET PASSED ITS REPLY TO THE SOVIETS, BUT THAT HE WAS CONFIDENT IT WOULD BE ALONG THE SAME LINES AS OURS. HE SAID THE FRG WOULD KEEP US POSTED.
5. RUTH SAID THE FRG HAD ALSO BEEN CONSULTING CLOSELY

WITH THE BRITISH AND FRENCH. HE UNDERSTANDS THAT  
LONDON AND PARIS HAD NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER OR HOW  
TO REPLY, BUT THEY HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY WILL KEEP  
THE FRG INFORMED.  
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